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Re: Application No. 10/681,038  
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PLEASE SEE ATTACHED NOTE RE THE SCHEDULED INTERVIEW TOMORROW,  
JULY 25, 2006.

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Dear Examiner Harris,

For our scheduled interview of tomorrow, I propose discussing the differences between problem behavior exhibited by a child and its identification and choices selected by a user for a fictional video game character as disclosed in Sloane.

Namely, Sloane's system of allowing a user to choose various behaviors (e.g. drug use) which a fictitious character will exhibit through the user interface does not disclose a "*problem behavior of the user*" that is identified by the system. Sloane's system of keeping track of the "choices" made by the user and of displaying the effects of those choices also does not disclose selecting an educational time-out presentation corresponding to the problem and educating the user regarding the problem behavior and alternate appropriate behavior.

I look forward to speaking with you tomorrow morning.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,  
Rose Hickman

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